

**JOHN LEONARD PILCHER**

**JOHN LEONARD PILCHER, Democrat of Meigs, Ga.; born on a farm in Thomas County, Ga., August 27, 1898; son of Charles P. and Ida Singletary Pilcher; educated in the public schools; married Dorothy Covington June 22, 1922; two sons, Charles Pilcher and the late John Leonard Pilcher, Jr.; dirt farmer for 35 years; operates general mercantile business, cotton gin, warehouses, fertilizer manufacturing plant, and syrup canning plant; major and member of council of Meigs, Ga.; member of board of education and county commission of Thomas County; served in State legislature and State senate; former State purchasing agent; former director, P. M. A. of Thomas County, National Cotton Council, National Cotton Ginners Association, and Georgia State Chamber of Commerce; Methodist; member of Masons, Shriners, and Elks; elected to the Eighty-third Congress February 4, 1953, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of E. E. Cox; reelected to the Eighty-fourth, Eighty-fifth, and Eighty-sixth Congresses.**